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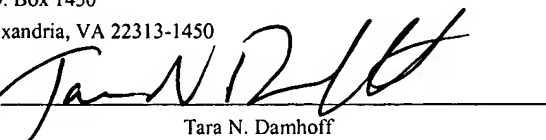
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 12, 2003. The original deadline for response was December 12, 2003. A five month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline to May 12, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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